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(CUG), SEPT. 16-17, 1976

REF: A) STATE 223685; B) DSTI/CUG/76.20 - DRAFT AGENDA

1. SUMMARY. CUG ASSUMED THAT IT WOULD CEASE TO EXIST ON OR ABOUT THE END OF 1976. THEREFORE, ATTENTION WAS CONCENTRATED ON DRAFTING SUGGESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CSTP, OCTOBER 19-20, WITH RESPECT TO CONTINUITY OF SUBSTANTIVE ELEMENTS OF THE CUG PROGRAM: (A) TRANSBORDER DATA FLOW (B) ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF INFORMATION ACTIVITIES (C) WIND-UP OF PROGRAM ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR URBAN MANAGEMENT (D) DISPOSAL OF REPORT ON CONSERVATION OF ENERGY BY UTILIZATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS (E) GENERAL MANAGEMENT OF CUG PROGRAM PENDING CSTP DECISION ON REORGANIZATION OF INFORMATION, COMPUTER AND COMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITIES (ICC). AN OVERALL STATEMENT BY THE CUG COVERING THE ABOVE WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE CSTP DURING THE LATTER'S OCT. 19-20 MEETING. END SUMMARY.

2. DATA PROTECTION AND PRIVACY; TRANSBORDER DATA FLOWS. THE UNCLASSIFIED

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CUG FELT THAT IT WAS MOST IMPORTANT TO ENSURE CONTINUITY IN

THE OECD' S CONTRIBUTION TO THIS HIGH PRIORITY FIELD, APRTICULARLY IN WORKING TOWARDS SUITABLE INTERNATIONAL AGREE-MENTS FOR THE FREEST POSSIBLE FLOW OF DATA CONSITANT WITH SATISFACTORY PROTECTION OF THE INDIVIDUAL' S PRIVACY. TO DO THIS, AND AS AN INTERIM MEASURE, IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CSTP BE ASKED TO MAINTAIN THE DATE BANK PANEL WITH ITS PRESENT MANDATE.

3. PREPARATORY WORK ON ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF INFORMATION ACTIVITIES. THIS IS ALSO A HIGH PRIORITY ITEM IN THE FUTURE COMBINED ACTIVITIES OF THE CUG AND IPG (INFORMATION POLICY GROUP). THE CUG RECOMMENDED THAT AN EXPERT GROUP BE SET UP IMMEDIATELY AND INSTRUCTED TO DRAFT DETAILED TERMS OF REFERENCE AND AN ACTION PROGRAM FOR SUBMISSION FIRST TO THE NEW ORGANIZA-TIONAL STRUCTURE THAT WILL REPLACE CUG AND IPG, THEN TO THE CPST.

4. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND URBAN MANAGEMENT. A SEMINAR ON THIS SUBJECT IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 25-27, 1976, BRINGING TOGETHER ABOUT 200 PARTICIPATNS. MOSTLY MAYORS AND CITY EXE-CUTIVES, BUT WITH A FAIR SPRINKLING OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT MINIS-TERIAL LEVEL OFFICIALS. A REPORT ON THE SEMINAR WILL PHASE OUT THE OECD PROGRAM IN THIS FIELD, AND THE CUG RECOMMENDED THAT THE STEERING PANEL BE AUTHORIZED TO MEET ONCE MORE, PROBABLY EARLY IN 1977, TO ENSURE THAT THE FINAL VERSION OF THE REPORT IS FIT TO PUBLISH.

5. CONTRIBUTION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS TO THE CONSERVATION OF ENERGY. A REPORT BY A UK CONSULTANT, DSTI/CUG/76.19 WILL BE TRANSMITTED FOR INFORMATION TO THE IEA, AND RECOMMENDED FOR EARLY DERESTRICTION. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT THIS REPORT, APPARENTLY THE ONLY ONE OF ITS KIND, WILL BE OF CONSI-DERABLE USE AS A SOURCE BOOK OF ONGOING RESEARCH IN THIS SPECIALIZED AREA.

6. THE STATEMENT TO THE CSTP WILL COVER PARAS 2-4 ABOVE, AND ALSO PROPOSE THAT THE CUG BUREAU BE EMPOWERED TO MANAGE THE OVERALL PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF THE CSTP UNTIL THE NEW CSTP/ICC STRUCTURE IS CREATED. THE MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT THE US GENERALLY SUPPORT THE CUG INTERIM PROPOSALS FOR CONTINUITY AS DESCRIBED ABOVE. WITH STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSALS IN PARS 2 AND 3.

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